

## March 2012

### For God so loved...

*“Because you are precious in my eyes and glorious, and because I love you.” Is 43:4*

**Leader:** We gather in the name of our God who brought us into being.

**All:** You must be rooted in Him and built on Him and held firm by the faith you have been taught and full of thanksgiving. Amen

**Reader:** “Love, indeed, is a many splendored thing. Perhaps it doesn’t come in as many varieties as ice cream but the flavors that are given are truly succulent. In the end, we will probably be asked only one question: “What was the quality of your life?” C.S. Lewis is a good guide in presenting us with the prism of love with its many facets. He offers us some reflections:

Every Christian would agree that a man’s spiritual health is exactly proportional to his love for God.

To love and admire anything outside of ourselves is to take one step away from utter spiritual ruin; though we shall not be well so long as we love and admire anything more than we love and admire God.

Christian love, either towards God or towards man, is an affair of the will.

**Reflection:** How will you make yourself “more available” to God; to love?

**Pause:**

**All:** God of extravagant love, You who pursue us in great fidelity, teach us again Your love to know, a love made visible in Jesus our Lord. Send your Spirit of reverence and respect into our world so that the fires of Your love might purge us of sin – our refusal to love – and will us with Your light and warmth. Make us glad instruments of Your love and mercy. Amen